(i) Rural Development & Agriculture.

(ii) Employment & Training.

(iii) Supportive Services, Fuel, Fodder, Water; Creches/Day Care, Housing.

(iv) Education.

(v) Healthand Family Welfare.

(vi) Legislation.

(vii) Political particlpation and decision making.

(viii) Media & communication.

(ix) Voluntary action.

(c) The recommendations are under consideration.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Perspective Plan points out than there is an urgent need to have a Uniform Civil Code which guarantee equal rights to all Indian women and men. The adoption of a Uniform Civil Code would not only lead to gender justice, but would also ensure parity for people of different denominations. It should be adopted for all citizens by the year 2000 A.D.

Railway Line from Ramagundam to Kurduwadi via Nanded

*270. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a railway line from Ramagundam to Kurduwadi *via* Nanded is pending with Government;

(b) whether Government have recently received a memorandum from the citizens of Nanded-Marathwada demanding such a railway line; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demand? mand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Educational Programmes on T.V.

@*271. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey conducted by the National Centre for Media Studies as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 16th October, 1988, according to which the educational programmes on T.V. are watched by only 10 per cent children in the age group 11-15 and that video viewing is growing among the children; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The government is aware of the news item of 16th October in the 'Hindustan Times' about the results of a study conducted by the National Centre for Media Studies. The government has taken note of the findings reported. However, the study was not commissioned by this Ministry. The government has also noted that the study has focused on the students in the age group 10-15 and students in classes IX and X. However, under the Education Technology Programme being implemented by this Ministry at the school level the focus is at the primary level in keeping with the national priority. Because of paucity of television sets in schools, use of educational programmes in schools has so far been quite small. Since the transmission is in the morning hours when the children are in school, they cannot view the programmes in homes

@Previously Starred Question 131 transferred from the 18th November, 1988.